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ALL AMERICA FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

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1946 SCHEDULE



Sept. 6—Miami at Cleveland*
8—Brooklyn at Buffalo
8—NEW YORK AT SAN FRANCISCO

Sept. 13—Brooklyn at Los Angeles*
13—Cleveland at Chicago*
14—Buffalo at New York*
15—MIAMI AT SAN FRANCISCO

Sept. 20—Miami at Los Angeles*
20—New York at Chicago*
22—BROOKLYN AT SAN FRANCISCO
22—Cleveland at Buffalo

Sept. 25—Buffalo at Chicago*

Sept. 29—Los Angeles at Buffalo
29—New York at Cleveland
29—SAN FRANCISCO AT CHICAGO

Oct. 4—Los Angeles at Chicago*
4—New York at Buffalo*
6—Brooklyn at Cleveland
7—SAN FRANCISCO AT MIAMI*

Oct. 11—Chicago at Brooklyn*
11—Miami at Buffalo*
12—Cleveland at New York*
12—SAN FRANCISCO AT LOS ANGELES*

Oct. 18—Miami at Chicago*
18—SAN FRANCISCO AT BUFFALO*
19—Brooklyn at New York*
20—Los Angeles at Cleveland

Oct. 25—Miami at Brooklyn*
27—Chicago at Buffalo
27—New York at Los Angeles
27—SAN FRANCISCO AT CLEVELAND

Nov. 1—Brooklyn at Chicago*
2—BUFFALO AT SAN FRANCISCO
3—Cleveland at Los Angeles
3—Miami at New York

Nov. 10—Buffalo at Brooklyn
10—CLEVELAND AT SAN FRANCISCO
10—Los Angeles at New York
11—Chicago at Miami*

Nov. 17—Chicago at Cleveland
17—Los Angeles at Brooklyn
17—SAN FRANCISCO AT NEW YORK
18—Buffalo at Miami*

Nov. 24—Buffalo at Cleveland
24—Chicago at New York
24—SAN FRANCISCO AT BROOKLYN
25—Los Angeles at Miami*

Nov. 28—New York at Brooklyn—Thanksgiving
30—CHICAGO AT SAN FRANCISCO

Dec. 1—Buffalo at Los Angeles
2—Cleveland at Miami*

Dec. 8—Cleveland at Brooklyn
8—LOS ANGELES AT SAN FRANCISCO
9—New York at Miami*

Dec. 15—Chicago at Los Angeles
16—Brooklyn at Miami*

Dec. 22—Championship game, winner of Eastern vs.
winner of Western division.

*Night Game

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THE FORTY NINER COACHES

LAWRENCE T. "Buck" SHAW

"Buck" enters the field of professional football after a brilliant collegiate coaching career. As head coach of the Santa Clara Broncos he compiled the enviable six-year record of 47 victories, 4 ties and 10 losses. Another disciple of Knute Rockne, he is listed on the All-Time, All-Star Notre Dame team, at tackle. His first coaching assignment was at the University of Nevada. In 1924 he accepted the Head Coach position at North Carolina State. Returning to Nevada in 1925, he remained until 1928, when he was appointed Line Coach at Santa Clara. In 1936 he was appointed Head Coach at Santa Clara. That same year, "Buck" piloted the Broncos to a brilliant season, losing only to Texas Christian by a field goal. Despite this loss, Santa Clara was invited to play in the Sugar Bowl, where they defeated a highly favorite Louisiana State team. The following season, the Broncos

proved invincible and were again invited to participate in the Sugar Bowl classic. Louisiana State was again defeated. With the outbreak of war, Santa Clara disbanded its football program and it was during this period that "Buck" became interested in the All-America Conference. In 1945 he accepted the position as Head Coach at the University of California but with the understanding that upon the activation of the All-America Conference he would resign to accept the reins of the Forty Niners. While recognized as a brilliant offensive strategist, "Buck's" defensive patterns have won him the admiration of his rivals. He and his wife, Majorie, make their home in Atherton and have two daughters—Patricia and Joan. When asked about his hobby—"Buck" replied in one word—"Football."

THE FORTY NINER COACHES

JAMES WILMER "Jim" LAWSON

One of Stanford's first to gain All-America recognition, Jim is a graduate of the class of 1925. Performed spectacularly in the Rose Bowl game of 1925 against Notre Dame and the "Four Horsemen." A pioneer in the play for pay game, Jim turned to professional football in its infancy—playing with Jacksonville in the now disbanded American League and later with Red Grange's New York Yankees. In 1932 he was appointed end coach at Stanford where he remained through the regimes of "Tiny" Thornhill and Clark Shaughnessy. Considered by all as America's greatest end coach, his pupils have been noted for their aggressiveness and intelligent play. In the spring of 1942, Lawson was appointed Head Coach at Stanford but prior to taking up his duties, he volunteered for naval service. While "in blues" Jim tutored the powerful St. Mary's Pre-Flight eleven prior to being assigned duty afloat. Parents of two boys—James, Jr., and Mark—the Lawsons reside in Palo Alto.

ALBERT J. "Al" RUFFO

Meet the Mayor of the city of San Jose, California. As president of the San Jose City Council, Al's position parallels that of Mayor. A graduate of Santa Clara University, he holds degrees in both law and Electrical Engineering. He holds a guard position on Santa Clara's All-Time All-Star Team. Following his graduation, he was immediately appointed Freshman Coach at Santa Clara and upon Buck Shaw's arrival on the scene was moved up to the Line Coach position. A member of the Bar, he practices law during the off season.

... AND HERE ARE THE FORTY NINERS ... the ends

BALATTI, Edward T. Height: 6'1" Weight: 190

A product of one of Uncle Sam's service teams. Upon graduation from Technical High in Oakland, California, where he was selected All-City halfback in 1942, he immediately enlisted in the Coast Guard and was assigned patrol duty in the Pacific Coast Area. Played outstanding ball for Alameda Coast Guard in 1943 and 1944.

BEALS, Alyn Height: 6' Weight: 190

A product of San Francisco's high schools, Alyn graduated from Polytechnic High in 1938. Performed under "Buck" at Santa Clara where many critics rated him the equal of the amazing Don Hutson. Released from the service only a few days prior to the inauguration of the training period.

FISK, William G. Height: 6' Weight: 200

Graduated from Alhambra High School in 1936 after earning 4 letters in football. Entered U. S. C. in 1937 and was selected All-Coast End in 1938 and 1939. All-American End in 1940 and appeared in Chicago All-Star Game, polling more votes than any other end. Played for the Detroit Lions in 1940, '41, '42 and '43 when he was selected All-Pro End. Has also played under the banner of the Hollywood Bears and Hollywood Rangers.

NORBERG, Henry F. Height: 6'2½" Weight: 225

After graduating from Palo Alto High in 1939 where he starred at end, "Hank" entered Stanford University. Playing end under Coaches Marchie Schwartz and Jim Lawson, he was selected for a great number of All-Coast teams. Completed his college training in 1943 and immediately enlisted in the Army, serving in the Hawaiian Area and Saipan. During his tour of duty he performed for two seasons (1943-44) with the Fourth Air Force football squad.

SUSOEFF, Nick Height: 6'1½" Weight: 210

Completed his high school training in 1939 at Roosevelt High in Los Angeles, where he received All-Southern California honors. Earned All-Coast and All-American mention while attending Washington State College in 1941-42. Enlisted in the Army in 1942 and after serving in the Caribbean theatre, performed in 1944 with the 2nd Air Force and in 1945 with the 4th Air Force.

TITCHENAL, Robert A. Height: 6'1/2" Weight: 190

Attended Hoover High in Glendale, California, where he starred at end. While at San Jose State, then coached by Dudley DeGroot, he was considered one of the nation's top centers. He later played pro ball with the Washington Redskins. A World War II veteran, he'll be remembered for his fine play at St. Mary's Pre-Flight.

RUSKUSKY, Roy Height: 6'3" Weight: 190

One of the finest games at end ever witnessed in the Polo Grounds was credited to this rangy end of St. Mary's College. A graduate of Hall Township High, Spring Valley, Illinois—Ruskusky entered St. Mary's in 1940. After one season of competition he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he earned the Purple Heart and Presidential Citation.

... the guards

BANDUCCI, Bruno Height: 5'11" Weight: 215

Born in Tassignano, Italy, in 1921. Chosen All-County tackle while attending Richmond Union High School. Stanford University tackle during 1941, 1942 and 1943, and participated in Rose Bowl game of 1941. Has had previous pro experience with the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

BASSI, Dick Height: 5'11" Weight: 215

Graduated from the University of Santa Clara in 1937—a former pupil of "Buck" Shaw. Elected on many All-American teams and performed in the Chicago All-Star game of 1937, playing a big part in the first defeat of a professional team in this annual event. Has played for the Chicago Bears, Philadelphia Eagles, and Pittsburgh Steelers.

GRGICH, Visco G. Height: 5'11" Weight: 210

Class of '42 graduate of West Seattle High, where he was a member of the '42 All-City squad. Entered University of Santa Clara where he played only Frosh ball prior to entering the Army in 1943. Was a member of the 2nd Air Force (1944) and 4th Air Force (1945) squads.

THORNTON, Robert V. Height: 5'10" Weight: 205

Another former Santa Clara Bronco to return to Buck Shaw's coaching. Rube entered Santa Clara after shining at guard at Franklin High, Portland, Oregon. Graduated from Santa Clara in 1942 and was immediately called to active duty with the Marines, serving over two years in the Southwest Pacific and Philippine areas.

GREGORY, Garland Height: 5'9" Weight: 185

A graduate of Louisiana Tech, Gar is considered one of the fastest in the game. Although towered over by his teammates he has yet to be known to have given ground. Another ex-serviceman, Gregory was recently discharged from the Army after having played spectacular ball with the powerful 4th Air Force teams.

THE FORTY NINERS ROSTER



THE ENDS

No.	Name	Age	Wt.	Ht.	Home	School	Pro. Exp.
57	BALATTI, Edward T.	22	190	6-1	Oakland, Calif.	None	Oakland Giants
53	BEALS, Alyn	26	190	6-0	San Francisco	Santa Clara	
56	FISK, William G.	27	200	6-1	San Gabriel, Calif.	U. S. C.	Hollywood Bears
55	NORBERG, Henry F.	26	225	6-3	Palo Alto, Calif.	Stanford	
58	SUSOEFF, Nick	26	210	6-2	Los Angeles	Wash. State	
51	TITCHENAL, Robert A.	27	190	6-2	San Jose, Calif.	San Jose State	Washington Redskins
52	RUSKUSKY, Roy	26	190	6-2	Richmond, Calif.	St. Mary's	

THE TACKLES

42	BRYANT, Robert R.	27	225	6-3	Olton, Texas	Texas Tech	Phila. Eagles
46	KUZMAN, John	29	230	6-1	Coaldale, Pa.	Fordham	Chicago Cardinals
45	MELLUS, John	28	218	6-0	Kingston, Pa.	Villanova	New York Giants
41	WOUDENBERG, John	28	225	6-3	Denver, Colo.	Denver U.	Pittsburgh Steelers

THE GUARDS

33	BANDUCCI, Bruno	24	215	5-11	Richmond, Calif.	Stanford	Phila. Eagles
36	BASSI, Dick	30	215	5-11	San Francisco	Santa Clara	Phila. Eagles
47-38	GRGICH, Visco G.	23	210	5-11	Seattle, Wash.	Santa Clara	
32	GREGORY, Garland	27	185	5-10	Ruston, La.	Louisiana Tech.	
35	THORNTON, Rubert V.	27	205	5-10	Portland, Ore.	Santa Clara	

THE CENTERS

22—CONLEE, Gerry R.	29	210	5-11	Chico, Calif.	St. Mary's	Clev. Rams
21 ELSTON, Arthur W.	26	190	5-11	Toledo, Ohio	So. Carolina U.	Clev. Rams
34-24—FORREST, Edward G.	24	210	5-11	San Francisco	Santa Clara	
23 REMINGTON, Joseph	25	185	6-1	Spokane, Wash.	Wash. State	

THE QUARTERBACKS

63 ALBERT, Frankie	26	170	5-10	Glendale, Calif.	Stanford	
62 FREITAS, Jesse	25	180	5-11	Ontario, Calif.	Santa Clara	
84-64 HALL, Parker	29	192	6-0	Tunica, Miss.	Mississippi	Cleveland Rams

THE HALFBACKS

91 STRZYKALSKI, John	24	190	5-9	Milwaukee, Wis.	Marquette	
83 CASANEGA, Kenneth T.	25	175	6-0	Oakland, Calif.	Santa Clara	
93 DURDAN, Don E.	25	175	5-8	Eureka, Calif.	Oregon State	
81 ESHMONT, Len C.	28	178	5-11	Locus Gap, Pa.	Fordham	
82 FRANCESCHI, Peter L.	26	170	5-9	San Francisco	U. S. F.	New York Giants
94 PARSONS, Earle	26	178	6' ¹ / ₂ "	Los Angeles	U. S. C.	L. A. Bulldogs
92 VETRANO, Joseph G.	24	170	5-9	Neptune, N. J.	Miss. South.	

THE FULLBACKS

73 RENFRO, Dick	27	200	5-10	Glendale, Calif.	Wash. State	
72 STANDLEE, Norm	26	245	6-2	Laguna, Beach, Calif.	Stanford	Chicago Bears
74 ROSKIE, Ken	26	238	6-1	Seattle, Wash.	So. Carolina U.	

... the tackles

BRYANT, Robert R. Height: 6'3" Weight: 225

Chosen most valuable player while performing at Olton High school, Olton, Texas. Entered Texas Tech in 1938 and earned 3 letters as varsity tackle. A member of the All-Conference teams of 1940 and 1941. Played tackle for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1943. Is employed as a Hollywood stunt man during the off-season.

KUZMAN, John Height: 6'1" Weight: 230

Graduated from Coaldale, Pennsylvania High School in 1934, where he was a member of the All-County team. Selected to many All-American teams in 1938 and 1940 while at Fordham University. Has had one year pro experience with the Chicago Cardinals (1941), when he was selected "All-Rookie All-Pro Tackle." Entered the Navy in 1942 and played with Pre-Flight Chapel Hill in '42 and '43 and St. Mary's Pre-Flight in '45. He was on the 1943 All-Service Team.

MELLUS, John Height: 6' Weight: 215

After receiving All-America honors while at Villanova, John performed in an outstanding manner for the New York Giants. Recently discharged from the Army, John has moved his family to San Francisco where he plans to remain.

WOUDENBERG, John W. Height: 6'3" Weight: 225

Completed his high school training in 1935 at South Denver High, where he was a member of the All-City team of 1934. Received his degree in 1940 from the University of Denver, where he was selected All-Conference tackle in 1937-38-39 and received the "Most valuable player award of 1939." Performed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1940-41-42. Called to duty in the Navy in 1943 and played three seasons with the St. Mary's Pre-Flight squad, being placed on the "All-American Service Team" in 1944.

... the centers

CONLEE, Gerry R. Height: 5'11" Weight: 210

Graduated in 1934 from Chico High School after having earned three letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. Played under "Slip" Madigan in '35, '36 and '37. Received All-American mention in 1935 and '36 and was selected on everyone's All-Coast team. Pro ball experience includes three years ('38, '39 and '40) with the Cleveland Rams and one season (1943) with the Detroit Lions. Is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy.

ELSTON, Arthur W. Height: 5'11" Weight: 190

Selected All-State tackle while attending Waite High in Toledo, Ohio. Entered the University of South Carolina in 1939 and was a member of the All-State teams of 1940 and '41. Enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and played with the 4th Air Force squad. Previous pro experience as quarterback of the Cleveland Rams.

FORREST, Edward G. Height: 5'11" Weight: 210

A graduate of St. Ignatius High where he captained the squad in 1939 and was selected to the All-City Team three consecutive years. Returns to his former teacher, "Buck" Shaw, his coach at the University of Santa Clara during 1941, '42 and '43. Entered the Army in 1943 as a parachute trooper and served 10 months in the European Theater. Played one season of service ball at Camp Hood, Texas.

REMINGTON, Joseph W. Height: 6'1" Weight: 185

Received his football fundamentals at South Bend (Washington) High, graduating in 1939 after being selected on the All-League teams of 1937, '38 and '39. Played under Orin Hollingberry at Washington State College and appeared in the East-West game of 1942 and the Chicago All-Star game of 1943. Enlisted in the Army in '43 and was a member of the 2nd Air Force Team.

... the halfbacks.

CASANEGA, Kenneth T. Height: 5'11½" Weight: 175

"Cas" is another former pupil of "Buck" Shaw, having played at Santa Clara between 1940 and 1942 after graduating from Castlemont High in Oakland where he was a member of the All-City team for two consecutive years. While at Santa Clara he received All-American mention. Another ex-serviceman, he was recently released from the Navy after having seen considerable action as a Naval Aviator.

DURDAN, Don E. Height: 5'8" Weight: 175

After graduating from Eureka High School, Don entered Oregon State College where he played halfback under Coach Lon Stiner during 1941, '42 and '43. Starred in the Rose Bowl game of 1942 in which Oregon State defeated Duke University. Entered the Navy in 1943 and performed for the Bainbridge Naval Station.

ESHMONT, Leonard C. Height: 5'11" Weight: 178

Attended Mt. Carmel High School, East Pa. where he was selected on All-State teams in 1936. Played left half with Fordham University in 1938, '39 and '40, being named on a majority of the All-American teams of the time. Starred with the New York Giants in 1942. Entered the Navy in 1942 and performed with service teams representing Chapel Hill Pre-Flight, N. C., Del Monte Pre-Flight, Naval Station (Norman, Oklahoma), and St. Mary's Pre-Flight. Was selected on All-Service teams of 1943 and 1944.

FRANCESCHI, Peter L. Height: 5'8½" Weight: 170

A member of San Francisco All-City team of 1937 while attending Mission High. Entered the U. of S. F. in 1939 and earned three letters playing left half under George Malley and Jeff Cravath. Enlisted in the Army in 1942 and performed for the 2nd Air Force and 4th Air Force teams.

PARSONS, Earle Height: 6'½" Weight: 180

Started his football career in Helena, Mont. in 1936. Graduated 1940; entered Santa Ana Junior College 1940, leaving after one year to play for U. S. C. Graduated from the Southern University in 1943 after playing two years. In 1944 played for Hollywood Rangers; 1945, the L. A. Bulldogs. His hobby is working as an extra in Hollywood, Calif.

STRZYKALSKI, John Height: 5'9" Weight: 190

Received his high school football training at South Division High of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Attended Marquette U., where he was unanimously selected to the nation's All-American Teams. Served in the Caribbean Theatre while a member of the Army Air Corps. On his return to the States he starred with both 2nd Air Force and 4th Air Force squads.

VETRANO, Joseph G. Height: 5'9" Weight: 170

Selected to 1937-38 All-State teams while attending Neptune High, Neptune, New Jersey. On graduating in 1938 he enrolled at Mississippi Southern where he earned two letters playing halfback and was voted the "best college athlete of 1941." Enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1943 and played with 4th Air Force.

... the quarterbacks

ALBERT, Frank C. Height: 5'9½" Weight: 160

Famed quarterback of the immortal 1941 Rose Bowl "Wow Boys." After his graduation from Stanford in 1942, he entered the Navy as a deck officer, spending 15 months in the Pacific Theater. Spent the 1945 football season quarterbacking the St. Mary's Pre-Flight team.

FREITAS, Jesse Height: 5'10" Weight: 175

A graduate of Ontario High School, Jesse entered Santa Clara in 1939 where he received All-Coast and All-American honors. Considered one of the finest passers in the game.

Ordinarily a halfback, he is for the first time being used in the quarterback position in the "T."

HALL, Linus Parker Height: 6' Weight: 192

All-American halfback of the University of Mississippi in 1938. Received his football fundamentals at Tunica High, Tunica, Miss. Pro experience with the Cleveland Rams (1939), when he was a member of the All-League team and rated the league's most valuable player. Entered the Naval Service in 1943 and starred with the Del Monte Pre-Flight and St. Mary's Pre-Flight elevens.

... the fullbacks

RENFRO, Richard Height: 5'10" Weight: 197

Fullback of the Glendale High championship eleven, graduating in 1937. Appeared in East-West game of 1944 and the Chicago All-Star Game of 1943 after earning four letters under Coach Hollingberry at Washington State College. Entered the Army in 1944 and played with the 2nd Air Force and 4th Air Force teams.

ROSKIE, Ken Height: 6'1" Weight: 238

A graduate of Rockford High School, Illinois, where he starred in football, basketball and track. Prepped at the Gordon Military Academy, Barnesville, Georgia in 1938, where he gained all-conference honors in football. Was selected all-state fullback and honorable mention All-America at South Carolina U., where he played during the years 1940-'41-'42. He was a member of the Great Lakes team which upset the highly favorite Notre Dame Eleven in 1943.

STANDLEE, Norman S. Height: 6'2" Weight: 245

After his graduation from the Woodrow Wilson High School of Long Beach, California, where he was selected All-League fullback, he entered Stanford University. Appeared in the Rose Bowl game of 1941, and was generally selected on everyone's All-American team. Pro experience with Chicago Bears. Enlisted in the Army in 1942 and served 17 months in China-Burma Theatre. Played service ball with Eastern Army All-Stars and Camp Davis.

FORTY NINER TOUGHIES

(Tongue Twister Department)



<i>Name (Believe It or Not)</i>	<i>Pronounced</i>
TITCHENAL, Bob	TI CHE NALL
SUSOEFF, Nick	SOO SOY IF
RUSKUSKY, Roy	RUSS KUSS KEY
KUZMAN, John	KOOZ MAN
BANDUCCI, Bruno	BAN DOO CHEE
GRGICH (not a misprint), Visco	GRRR ITCH
FREITAS, Jesse	FRAY TIS
STRZYKALSKI, John	STRI KAL SKI
FRANCESCHI, Peter	FRAN CHES KEY

FOREWORD

The plan to present football of All America calibre to the fans of All America is now a reality.

San Francisco — long regarded as the “cradle of champions” receives its introduction to “big time” football on September 8th, when the Forty Niners meet the New York Yankees at Kezar Stadium.

The pages that follow contain our effort to familiarize you with the Forty Niners. We sincerely hope that our story of the Forty Niners proves of some value to you when writing yours.

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Chicago	Sept. 27-29 Sept. 30 - Oct. 5	The Stevens Michigan City (Tentative)
Miami	Oct. 6-7	The McAllister
Los Angeles	Oct. 12	The Green (In Pasadena)
Buffalo	Oct. 15-18	The Lafayette
Cleveland	Oct. 26-27	The Hollenden
New York	Nov. 14-17 Nov. 18-23	The Concourse Pla Bear Mountain Inn
Brooklyn	Nov. 24	The New Yorker